GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INVESTIGATION OF AIRCRAFT DEAL
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been investigating aircraft deal, signed with Airbus Industries in 1986;

(b) if so, the present status of the investigation and the time by which the same is likely to be completed; and

(c) in case the inquiry has been completed, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b) & (c): The investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into purchase of Airbus A-320 Aircraft by India Airlines is in progress in India and CBI isfollowing up the same in the concerned foreign countries. The case involves extensive investigation in several foreign countries, which is lengthy and time consuming process, beyond the control of the investigating agency. No time frame can at present be indicated regarding the completion of this enquiry being done by the CBI.